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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Allowable Ex Parte Communications Briefing held on July 29, 2019

Docket No. ND 2018-202-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260, and as the Executive Director's designee, I am attaching copies of the certified statements from all persons present (see sign in sheets also attached) at the July 29, 2019, allowable *ex parte* communication briefing held by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC regarding the Implementation of Tranche 1 of the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy Program and Future Plans for Tranche 2. The allowable *ex parte* communication briefing began at 10:00 am.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the briefing and accompanying presentation materials. Any written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners are provided by those who utilized or referenced them and are included as follows:

Documents Attached:

- 1. Presentation Slides;
- 2. Accion Report Regarding Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC Request for Proposals for The Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy Program Tranche 1;
- 3. Three North Carolina Public Service Commission Orders Regarding Duke's *pro forma* contract;
- 4. North Carolina Public Service Commission Order Regarding Duke's Tranche 2 timetable; and

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> 5. North Carolina Public Service Commission Order Regarding Interconnection and Tranche 1.

Links to items referenced:

- 1. North Carolina Avoided cost Hearing: https://starw1.ncuc.net/NCUC/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=c254c760-4025-474e-8de8-93d9b12e8c99
- 2. North Carolina HB 589: https://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H589v5.pdf
- 3. Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA"): https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-92/pdf/STATUTE-92-Pg3117.pdf#page=55
- 4. Webinar Pre-registration link: https://globalmeet.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1255639&tp_key=a49e07e358

With the documents and links provided by those who utilized or referenced them during the allowable ex parte briefing, this briefing is hereby certified as being in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(i). If websites and documents were not provided by those who utilized, referenced or distributed them as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii), this certification is null and void.

It is my understanding that the transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements. The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii).

Finally, during the allowable ex parte briefing, Vice Chairman Williams inquired as to whether a representative from the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff would attend the CPRE webinar referenced above. I have confirmed that an ORS representative plans to listen in on the CPRE webinar scheduled for August 7, 2019.

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail) Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)